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Title: Need to set up Maritime Universities at major port cities as per the suggestion of Parliamentary Committee.

SHRI P.C. THOMAS (MUVATTUPUZHA): Sir, Maritime University is a concept which the Central Government now has. Sir, the Parliamentary Committee has also recommended that in some of the major ports in our country like Mumbai, Kolkata and Vizag, Cochin – I think, one or two other places are there – Maritime Universities may be established.

Sir, Cochin has got all the facilities. In fact, the Cochin Port Trust itself has got a lot of land. Now, the Vallarpadam Super Terminal Container is coming. A very important shipyard is already there. The Port Trust has got enough land, and all the facilities are there.

I would like to urge upon the Government to take up the matter of Cochin port along with other ports like Kolkata and Chennai for establishing a Maritime University at the earliest, and I hope that the Government will make a statement thereon.

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Braja Kishore Tripathy.